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SQA Qualifications in Food and Drink



The Food and Drink manufacturing industry is the most dynamic and successful sector of the Scottish economy, creating over 100,000 jobs directly and indirectly. Premium Scottish products like whisky and seafood are served around the world, and the food and drink manufacturing industry is worth around £9 billion annually.

SQA's Food and Drink qualifications are quality-assured and are developed with the industry to provide the skills and knowledge that are most relevant.

Pre-Employment and Skills Development

Further and Higher Education

HNCs and HNDs have 80 years of development behind them. HN qualifications in Food Science and Technology provide the skills required for a scientific, technical or managerial position in the Food and Drink industry.

NQ (National Qualification) Courses

The suite of Health and Food Technology Courses are studied at school. The National Progression Awards in Bakery and in Food Manufacture are delivered in Further Education as is the National Certificate in Bakery.

Legislative Qualifications

We have NQ Units that meet specific needs for the Food and Drink manufacturing industry including: Food Hygiene Elementary, Food Hygiene Intermediate and Food Hygiene Practices.

Workforce Development

SVQs (Scottish Vocational Awards) are competence based awards studied whilst in employment and cover many aspects of the skills required to work in the Food and Drink manufacturing industry. They are open to people of all ages, at any stage of their career.



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SCQF	PRE-EMPLOYMENT	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
8	Higher National Diploma Food Science and Technology	
7	Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology Higher National Certificate Food Science and Technology	
6	Higher Health and Food Technology National Progression Award Food Manufacture	SVQ Food and Drink Operations Food and Drink Operations: Engineering Maintenance Food and Drink Operations: Food Manufacturing Excellence Food and Drink Operations (Fish and Shellfish Industry Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Meat Poultry Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Supply Chain Skills)
5	National 5 Health and Food Technology Skills for Work Food and Drink Manufacture National Certificate Bakery	SVQ Food and Drink Operations (Automated Plant Bakery Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Craft Bakery Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Dairy Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Distribution Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Fish and Shellfish Processing Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Food Sales and Service Skills) Food and Drink Operations: Food Manufacturing Excellence Food and Drink Operations (Fresh Produce Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Meat and Poultry Skills) Food and Drink Operations (Production and Processing Skills)
4	National 4 Health and Food Technology National Progression Award Bakery	
3	National 3 Health and Food Technology	
LEGISLATIVE QUALIFICATIONS		
NQ Unit Food Hygiene Elementary, SCQF Level 4		
HN Unit Food Hygiene Intermediate, SCQF Level 7		

